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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA: DISCOURAGEMENT OF POTENTIAL
HOSTILE COSPONSORS

REFS: A) STATE 211055 B) STATE 212753

1. BY SUBMITTING ON AUGUST 16 A RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO ONE THEY SPONSORED LAST YEAR (REF A), NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS HAVE SET THE STAGE FOR ANOTHER UNGA DEBATE ON KOREAN UNIFICATION ISSUE. TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, SOUTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS (ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO AVOID ANOTHER STERILE UNGA DEBATE) SUBMITTED A COUNTER-RESOLUTION ON AUGUST 20 (REF B). NEITHER RESOLUTION HAS BEEN COSPONSORED TO DATE BY THE SAME NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AS LAST YEAR, ALTHOUGH MORE COUNTRIES PROBABLY WILL BE ADDED TO EACH. BECAUSE WE WISH TO KEEP TO A MINIMUM THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES THAT COSPONSOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, THE DEPARTMENT IN COORDINATION WITH THE ROK AND EIGHT OTHER KEY ROK SUPPORTERS HAVE IDENTIFIED THE HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ACTION ADDRESSEES AS THE MOST LIKELY TARGETS THAT NORTH KOREA'S BACKERS WILL BE APPROACHING. ALL COSPONSORED THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IN 1975.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY EMBASSIES SHOULD APPROACH FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH OBJECTIVE OF DISCOURAGING FURTHER CO-SPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION BY DRAWING UPON FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS TAILORED TO MEET INDIVIDUAL SITUATION. (AT THEIR DISCRETION, POSTS MAY WISH TO CONSULT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF KOREA CORE GROUP THAT ARE REPRESENTED IN HOST GOVERNMENT CAPITAL TO DETERMINE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ACHIEVE OBJECTIVE. OTHER CORE GROUP MEMBERS ARE: ROK, UK, FRG, COSTA RICA, BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, CANADA, JAPAN.)

A)WE SOUGHT TO AVOID ANOTHER UNPRODUCTIVE UN DEBATE ON KOREA THIS YEAR AND OFFERED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS THIS FALL WITH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY IN LATE JULY. WE SUBMITTED A COUNTER-RESOLUTION CONSISTENT WITH THIS OBJECTIVE ONLY BECAUSE
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FORCED TO DO SO BY NORTH KOREA'S SUPPORTERS, WHO SUBMITTED A RESOLUTION THAT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A REALISTIC SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEM.

B)WE HAVE NOTED THAT, UNLIKE LAST YEAR, YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT AS YET CO-SPONSORED THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION.

C)WE APPRECIATE YOUR DECISION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR THE PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST REQUESTS THAT YOU DO SO.

D)PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION IS PARTICULARLY OFFENSIVE. IT ASKS UNGA TO ENDORSE AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT WHICH MAKES SERIES OF TENDENTIOUS AND UNFOUNDED CHARGES AGAINST U.S. OF "WAR PROVOCATION AND AGGRESSION" IN KOREA. IT AGAIN EXCLUDES ROKG, WHICH REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF KOREAN PEOPLE, FROM ANY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING UNIFICATION AND ALTERNATIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PENINSULA. IT ALSO CALLS FOR DISSOLUTION OF UNCOMMAND IN ABSENCE OF OTHER AGREED ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING KOREAN DEBATE, WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY INDICATION THAT HOST GOVERNMENT HAS

INTEREST IN DEFERRING ENTIRE KOREAN ISSUE RATHER THAN IN DEBATING IT AT 31ST GA. (FYI: IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT SUPPORT, THE U.S. WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH A MOVE. END FYI.)

4. FOR NOUAKCHOTT: RECOGNIZE THAT GOM HAS ALREADY DECIDED NOT TO CO-SPONSOR (COLOMBO 3129) BUT YOU MAY USE THIS OCCASION TO SEEK REASSURANCES OF THAT DECISION AND TO DISCUSS RELATED ASPECTS OF ISSUE AND, AS APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE GOM TO CONSIDER ABSENTING ITSELF OR ABSTAINING IF IT CANNOT MOVE TO SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION.

5. FOR BISSAU: WHILE NOT ACCREDITED TO CAPE VERDE
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(CV WAS A CO-SPONSOR IN 1975), CHARGE AT HIS DISCRETION MAY ALSO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH APPROPRIATE CV OFFICIALS DRAWING ALSO UPON REPRESENTATIONS MADE RECENTLY HERE WITH VARELA (STATE 216296.).

6. REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS IF POSSIBLE BY SEPTEMBER 8 AND REPEAT TO SEOUL AND USUN. POSTS SHOULD BEAR IN MIND TIMING OF SEPTEMBER 13-21 GROUP OF 77 MEXICO CITY MEETING IN MAKING THEIR APPROACHES.

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